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SUBJECT: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR COMBATING INTERNET PIRACY WORKSHOP  
IN TALLINN, MARCH 23-24, 2010

¶1. This is an action request for Embassies Moscow, Helsinki, Stockholm, Riga and Vilnius, and Consulate St. Petersburg. Please see paragraph 5.

¶2. Embassy Tallinn and the U.S Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will host a two-day regional workshop on combating internet piracy on March 23-24, 2010, in Tallinn, Estonia. The target audiences for this event are prosecutors and police involved in combating internet piracy. The conference will feature practitioners from USPTO, the Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and industry representatives. The workshop will offer a forum for sharing best practices between the United States, Russia, Nordic and Baltic Countries and industry on this rapidly increasing form of intellectual property rights (IPR) violation.

¶3. The workshop will cover issues such as collection and forensic examination, analyses and assessment of electronic evidence, strategies for successful search and seizure of electronic evidence and prosecuting internet piracy. The conference will also focus on international cooperation and collaboration with industry. The training will also include an interactive case study.

¶4. Thanks to USPTO funding, Embassy Tallinn will be able to fund airfare, hotel expenses and per diem for four officials (preferably two prosecutors minimum) from each action addressee Embassy and two officials from St. Petersburg. USPTO has also agreed to cover travel expenses of one officer or LES responsible for IPR issues from each addressee post. (Note: Since USPTO regulations do not allow covering lunches and coffee breaks, the abovementioned items will be deducted from per diem to cover the conference lunches and coffee breaks. End note). The workshop will be conducted in English with simultaneous English-Estonian and English-Russian interpretation provided.

¶5. Action Request: Action addressee posts are invited to send nominations of four host government officials (two candidates for St. Petersburg) via email to Embassy Tallinn Economic Officer Brian Frere (FrereBM@state.gov) and Economic Specialist Taimi Alas (Alast@state.gov) by Feb 8. Nominations should include name, title, description of nominee's position as it relates to internet piracy, and contact information including email address. Several nominees will be asked to participate in expert panels and discussions; therefore nominees should be prepared and able to share their

experiences relating to combating internet piracy.  
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